DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND II—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I move for a supplementary grant for Rs. 8,200 under Public Works Demand II—for the construction of masonry boundary pillars at the Neendakara anchorage.

The Electrical Engineer in his letter No. 239 dated 29-10-33 moved Government to instruct the Principal Port Officer to take detailed soundings of the sea for a few miles about the Neendakara bar for finding a safe place of anchorage for steamers in close proximity to Neendakara for the landing and delivery of electrical plant, machinery and other heavy materials for the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project. The Principal Port Officer suggested a marine survey of the Neendakara anchorage being carried out by the officers of the Marine Survey of India, then engaged in re-surveying the Quilon road-stead. The survey was accordingly arranged and on obtaining the results the Principal Port Officer reported that in order to enable captains of vessels to obtain a position for anchorage off Neendakara, two masonry boundary pillars should be constructed. The Chief Engineer prepared an estimate for the work for Rs. 8,230 in June 1934 and Government sanctioned special funds to the extent of Rs. 8,200. The sanction was received too late for the work to be carried out during last year, as expected; hence the provision lapsed.

Therefore I ask that this sum of Rs.8,200 be provided as a supplementary grant to the budget for 1110.

The grant was, by leave of the House, made.

DEMAND V—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,445 under Demand V—Agriculture and Fisheries, on account of the appointment of marketing officers and staff, the extension of study leave to Mr. A. Narayanan Nair, Fishery Inspector, and the supply of salt at concessional rates to fish curers.

The first item is the appointment of marketing officers and staff. The Government of India have inaugurated a new scheme of marketing for the improvement of the economic condition of agricultural population and they have appointed a marketing expert. The marketing expert visited our State also. The scheme consists of the appointment of special officers to conduct marketing surveys and to collect information. The Government propose to co-operate with the Government of India in this matter and to appoint two officers and give them a small staff of one clerk and a peon each. The total charges on account of these appointments, that is, for the next 5 months of the year will come to Rs. 3,440.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the Government member what is meant by marketing survey?

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